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BLM National Monuments - Priority Plans

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The following outlines the BLMs priority approach to address any planning required in response to Presidential actions resulting from the Secretary's December 5th, 2017 *Revised Final Report Summarizing Findings of the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act* (Final Report).

Introduction

The BLM manages 27 National Monuments. The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains is designated by Congress and the other 26 are designated by Presidential Proclamation through the Antiquities Act. Fourteen National Monuments have existing Resource Management Plans (RMPs), 4 require RMP updates to address monument management, and nine monuments are currently in some phase of a planning amendment process.

Executive Order 13792

Executive Order 13792, "Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act," dated April 26, 2017, (Order or EO 13792) directed the Secretary to conduct a review of certain Presidential designations made under the Act, to determine if the designations conformed to the policies set forth in the Order. The Order instructed that two reports summarizing the review be provided:

- a. an Interim Report within 45 days, addressing the Bears Ears National Monument established by Proclamation No. 9558, dated December 28, 2016, and "other such designations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate for inclusion"; and
- b. a Final Report within 120 days, summarizing the findings of the review for all other monument designations covered by the Order.

The Interim Report was issued on June 10, 2017.

Presidential Proclamations Modifying the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments

On December 4th the President issued the Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument.

- o The Proclamation Modifying the Grand Staircase-Escalante National modified the boundaries of the 1.7 million acres of Federal lands to 3 units: the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyons units of the monument (1,003,863 acres).
- o The Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument modified the boundaries of the 1.35 million acres of Federal lands to 2 units: the Shash Jáa area and the Indian Creek area; and excluded from its designation and reservation approximately 1,150,860 acres.

Secretary's December 5th, 2017 Final Report

On December 5th, in accordance with the Order, Secretary Zinke released the Final Report with results and recommendations for several monuments. The Final Report included:

- A concern for “landscape level designations” on BLM-managed lands becoming overlain by a more restrictive management regime, which “has the effect of narrowing the range of uses and limiting BLM’s multiple-use mission.” Absent specific assurances, traditional uses of the land (grazing, timber production, mining, fishing, hunting, recreation, and other cultural uses) “are unnecessarily restricted and especially harm rural communities in western states given that these towns have historically benefited and been economically sustained by grazing, mining, and timber production on nearby public lands.narrowing the range of uses and limiting BLM’s multiple-use mission.”
- A statement that DOI has plans to undertake a review of existing monument management plans and update them to be consistent with public access, infrastructure, traditional use, tribal cultural use, and hunting and fishing rights.
- Recommendations to modify the boundaries and/or management plans for Cascade-Siskiyou, Gold Butte, Organ Mountains and Rio Grande del Norte National Monuments, in addition to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments.

Secretarial Order 3356

On September 15, 2017, Secretarial Order 3356 was issued which directs the BLM to “amend National Monument Management Plans to include or expand hunting, recreational shooting, and fishing opportunities to the extent practicable under the law.” The BLM is developing an action plan to identify recommendations to amend or develop National Monument Management Plans to expand opportunities; and to identify potential actions that would further enhance hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting opportunities within National Monuments.

Priority List

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BLM National Monument Priority List						
#	National Monument and State	Existing Land Use Plan	Current Planning Status	Recommendations in Final Report	Action	Cost
Highest Priority						
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		[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Four new plans for Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, Escalante Canyons Units, and lands previously in GSENM. Single EIS, 4 RODS.	

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